

REMARKS

Applicant graciously appreciates the Office's attention to the instant application. A Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b) accompanies this response.

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Drawings

Applicant provides a new, clean sheet of Fig. 6B as requested by the Office.

10 Specification

Applicant currently amends the Abstract as requested by the Office.

Claims

15 Claims 4, 5, 9 and 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form. Without acquiescing in the grounds for rejection and to expedite prosecution, Applicant represents dependent claim 4 as independent claim 1 and represents dependent claim 9 as independent claim 6.

20 Further, the subject matter of objected to dependent claims 4 and 9 is now presented in independent method claim 11. Specifically, claim 11 now recites "wherein the vane outer airfoil surface comprises a continuous convex shape and the vane inner airfoil surface includes a planar section adjacent the vane leading edge". Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 11 is allowable for at least the same reasons as dependent claims 4 and 9.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the present application. Should any issue remain that prevents immediate issuance of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the

undersigned attorney to discuss the unresolved issue, noting that all written correspondence for this matter is to remain with the assignee, Honeywell.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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